

ATTACHMENT D

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

March 4, 2005

Celebration of new library buildings

The Christmas holidays included libraries celebrating new buildings. Missouri can be proud of the new free standing library building for Ralls County. It is in Center at a location central to the highways and the community. A good crowd turned out for the Saturday afternoon ribbon cutting.

The Pulaski County Library honored long-time trustee, Norma Mihalevich and a new home for the branch library in Crocker. The new library is across from the high school and has good parking and access from Highway 17.

The Steele Public Library moved into spacious new quarters in the Sam F. Hamra Community Center. The Christmas decorations included the private collection of nutcrackers of library director, Myrna McKay.

The Carthage Public Library celebrated their 100th birthday. Prominently displayed were the plans for the new wing to be added to the original Carnegie.

The Poplar Bluff Public Library was included in a \$9 million bequest from Poplar Bluff resident, Kay Porter. The library will receive \$1 million from Porter's estate. This is the first time the library has received such a significant bequest, and it comes to the library with no strings attached.

The Callaway County Public Library, part of the Daniel Boone Regional Library, recently completed an \$800,000 remodeling project to make their 1912 Carnegie library a more inviting, user-friendly building for their patrons. Natural light now fills the upper level, where construction workers raised the ceilings and exposed the tops of the windows in the original Carnegie section. The library was temporarily relocated for nine months while construction took place. The library reopened on November 10, 2004.

The Vandalia Branch Library part of the Mexico-Audrain County Library District expanded by 2,000 square feet. The library had previously leased only the top floor of their building, but now lease the entire structure from the city.

The Junge Memorial Library; which serves as a branch of the Boonslick Regional Library, is the new library in Cole Camp. Former resident and *Fortune Magazine* editor-at-large Carol Junge Loomis cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony. The land for the library was also donated and the Friends Group raised money for interior furnishings.

2006 marks 75 years since the National Library Service was established

Wolfner Library is a member of the oldest network of cooperating libraries in America. The Pratt-Smoot Act became law on March 3, 1931 which established the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) of the Library of Congress. The Librarian of Congress was authorized to arrange with other libraries "to serve as local or regional centers for the circulation of such books, under such conditions and regulations as he may prescribe." The St. Louis Public Library was selected by the Library of Congress as one of eighteen regional libraries to conduct this free library service.

Network Library of the Year Award

Wolfner Advisory Council will nominate Wolfner Library for the initial NLS Network Library of the Year Award. The first award, which will recognize a network library for special achievement in 2004, will be awarded June 1, 2005.

Selection for the award will be based on the following:

1. Mission supports the extent to which the library reached or exceeded the Revised Standards and Guidelines for Service.
2. Creativity and innovation in 2004 service such as developing new patron services or marketing existing services in an exceptional manner.
3. Patron satisfaction the extent to which the library met the needs of its patrons during the year.

Special Recognition

Congratulations to Wolfner Library Reader Advisor Cheryl Hassler who was among those featured in Jennifer Burek Pierce's *Grassroots Report* column in the February 2005 issue of *American Libraries*. The article, "Put Some Romance in Your Library," emphasizes the importance of providing reader advisory service in the romance genre. Cheryl's recommended reading list *Love in the Old West* came to Jennifer's attention when she was doing research for her article on the Internet. I think all LBPH staff members doing reader advisory work will be able to recognize many of the patron characteristics Cheryl described to the author of the piece.

For the complete article, see:

Pierce, Jennifer Burek, "Grassroots Report: Put Some Romance in Your Library," *American Libraries*, February 2005, page 45.

Wolfner was featured in NLS October/December *News*. The article, written by Debbie Musselman, describes two of Wolfner services. The Lewis and Clark kit developed Wolfner last year and the 200th recommended reading list compiled by Reader Advisor Carol Mathews.

State Publications Access Program

The move to electronic state publications has occurred. The State Library is no longer collecting or providing distribution for the paper format of new publications issued by the State of Missouri. We do continue to provide a paper copy for State Archives, State Historical Society of Missouri and the Library of Congress.

The first electronic state publications are in the trusted, electronic repository. The easiest way to see how this works is to go to the January 2005 issue of Missouri State Government Publications on our web site at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/reference/checklist/default.asp>. This issue includes the new electronic publications which have been stored in the Digital Archive. Our monthly publication now contains cataloging information including the OCLC number. There are also links to each publication in the digital collection and on the respective agency web site. Currently, the public can search for and access the publications through OCLC WorldCat, MOBIUS, and from our portion of the SOS web site <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/reference/statepubs/>.

As we harvest the newest version of publications, we are also capturing the older versions which are still available on the agency web sites. This allows some retrospective work as we gather the newest publications.

State Agency Libraries

We have been looking at the possibility of bringing library materials collections from other state agencies into MOBIUS. The most efficient and cost effective way to do this is to make those collections a location within our catalog.

There has been a great deal of interest on the part of the Research and Development Technology (RDT) Library of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). We are in the process of creating several models which will create a process for different state agency libraries to make their collections widely known to state government and the citizens of Missouri.

2005 Summer Reading Programs

Joust Read Teen Summer Reading Program Workshops

Maria Levetzow, author of the 2005 teen summer reading program manual distributed by the Collaborative Summer Library Program, presented the Joust Read workshops in four locations. The fifth workshop, scheduled to be held at the Kansas City Public Library, North-East Branch, had to be cancelled due to severe weather. An abridged version of the workshop will be held as a videoconference for registrants who would like to attend.

Two hundred ten library staff registered for the workshops, with about 30 more being placed on waiting lists for sites that filled. About half of the registrants represented school media centers, with the other half representing public libraries.

Levetzow devoted the morning session of the workshop to summer reading program basics, such as structuring and planning the program, school and public library cooperation, and planning special events. The afternoon session focused on particular activities, programs and events from the manual.

Overall, the responses on the workshop evaluations were excellent. Many respondents state that they had learned new ideas that they would try to implement in spring and summer. More importantly, many who had never conducted a teen summer reading program were motivated to either try their first teen summer reading program or to make connections with their public/school counterpart to begin working together.

Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds Summer Reading Program Workshops

Fifteen Missouri library staff from thirteen public libraries will serve in teams in three to present the Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds workshops in six locations. Almost 200 library staff from school media centers and public libraries have registered for these workshops. The first workshop, held at the Shelbina Carnegie Library, was received with very positive response. The highly interactive group of librarians had an animated discussion about the challenges of partnering to serve children during the summer months. Additional workshops will be held at the Columbia Public Library; Sikeston Public Library; Carrollton Public Library; Middendorf-Kredell Branch, St. Charles City-County Library; and The Library Center in Springfield.

Center for the Book

Jodie Lynn, Margot McMillen and Heather Roberson, Richard Newman, Ridley Pearson, Sharon Shinn, Mark Tiedemann, and Valerie Vogrin read from their works at the Center's annual Celebration of the Book at the Schlafly branch of the St. Louis Public Library on November 20, 2004. This is the second year Schlafly has hosted the St. Louis celebration.

The Letters About Literature contest entries are in, and judges will have until March 2 to determine Missouri's winners. Letters About Literature is a national writing contest for students in grades 4 through 12. To enter, students write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. The contest encourages young readers to explore their personal responses to books and then express those responses in a creative, original way. A ceremony to honor the Missouri winners will be held on April 13 at the Capitol. First place winners from Missouri will then be judged on a national level for a trip to the 2005 National Book Festival.

Missouri State Library Continuing Education Committee

The Missouri State Library Continuing Education Committee met on December 9 at the State Library. The committee reviewed web-based continuing education courses offered by the University of North Texas Library Education @ Desktopsm series. These online, self-paced courses take approximately 2 hours and may be completed in 6 week period. Courses include basic library skills common to every type of library such as customer service, confidentiality, and copyright issues. The fee for each course is \$7.00 per person with a minimum purchase of 35 seats. After viewing the course content and expenses, the committee agreed the purchase of these courses would be a cost-effective way to increase access to continuing education for Missouri library staff. Involving staff in this type of training would be a useful tool to evaluate the effectiveness of web-based continuing education.

Missouri State Library Scholarship Program

Two scholarship students completed their degrees in December and are fulfilling their work commitments in publicly-funded Missouri libraries. The Missouri State Library awarded 8 new scholarships for the Winter 2005 semester. This creates a total of 28 students currently receiving State Library Scholarships.

Show-Me-Steps Grants

Show-Me-Steps grants have recently expanded to include web-based continuing education courses. Library staff and trustees may now apply for financial assistance with online courses to advance their library skills. The Show Me Steps program continues to fund grant requests for all types of workshops and conferences. Twenty-five grants have been approved this fiscal year.

2005 Winter Institute

The 2005 Library Skills Winter Institute was held February 15-18 in Columbia, Missouri, at the Ramada Inn. Fifty-five people attended.

The Winter Institute offered one advanced track course and one basic track course. The advanced track focused on Collection Development and was presented by Belinda Boon of Austin, Texas. The basic track was a collection of courses presenting an overview of public library services in Missouri and featured a variety of presenters from Missouri libraries. Each participant received a Certificate of Completion at the end of the Institute.

Public Library Annual Statistical Data

The 2002 and 2003 annual statistical data submitted by public libraries in Missouri is available on the MOSL website under "Library Development". Please, click on "Resources", then "Library Statistics". The data can be accessed based on four tabs "Income", "Personnel & Expenditures", "Collection" and "Circulation" and can be downloaded and printed.

Bilingual Workshops

The Missouri State Library presented “Lost in Translations,” a workshop for library staff serving people with limited English proficiency and differing cultural heritages, on January 21, 2005 in Columbia. The presenters Anita Barker and Pamela DeVoe of the International Institute of St. Louis provided participants with an opportunity to explore the topics of bilingual outreach services, collaboration with government agencies and community organizations, program development, staff involvement, and multicultural collection development. Positive feedback from workshop attendees indicated that the content would be useful in developing and extending programs for bilingual patrons.

In April, the Missouri State Library will present a series of three “Building Bridges,” workshops on library services for Latino populations in Carrollton, Cape Girardeau, and Springfield. The presenter for these workshops will be Dr. Denice Adkins, an assistant professor at the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri –Columbia.

Literacy Handbook Published

The Missouri State Library has produced a Literacy Handbook that has been distributed to Missouri’s libraries and literacy agencies. The publication in notebook format will support libraries with information, ideas, and resources to utilize in the development of literacy programs for their patrons. Much of the material in the notebook comes from Missouri experience. Missouri authors, librarians, or consultants wrote many of the activities.

Grant Writing Workshops

Grant Writing with a Partner workshops are scheduled for March. Workshops will be held in Webb City on March 16, Carrollton on March 18, Sikeston on March 29 and Union on March 31. These workshops are for public library staff writing competitive grant applications with community partners. The focus of the workshops is to review the entire grant process from project development through evaluation. Miriam Pollack of Northbrook, Illinois, will be the presenter.

Library and Services Technology Act (LSTA) Increase

The FY2005 LSTA Award has been granted in the amount of \$3,096,706, an increase of \$52,401 over the FY2004 award.

The following LSTA Grants have been awarded, for projects to begin Jan. 1, 2005:

Bring in an Expert

Cape Girardeau Public Library	\$ 3,670
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Computer Training Labs

Jefferson County Library	\$29,074
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library	\$28,375
St. Louis County Library	\$47,542
Webb City Public Library	\$30,783

Digital Imaging

Hannibal Free Public Library	\$ 4,500
Missouri Western State College Library	\$ 6,167
University City Public Library	\$12,790
Washington University Bernard Becker Library	\$11,329

Planning and Standards

Cedar County Library District	\$ 9,570
Daniel Boone Regional Library	\$15,000

Retrospective Conversion

Park Hills Public Library	\$42,954
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Show Me the World

Missouri River Regional Library	\$32,848
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Spotlight on Library Programs

Marshall Public Library	\$ 2,341
Sullivan Public Library	\$ 2,000
University Public Library	\$ 2,500

Training and Professional Development

Barton County Library	\$ 523
Missouri Library Network Corporation	\$ 7,374
MOBIUS Consortium Office	\$ 6,000
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library	\$ 1,235
St. Joseph Public Library	\$ 525

